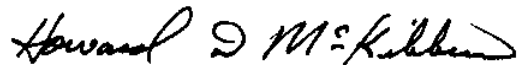


Defendant's motion to continue the trial date and pretrial deadlines (#71) is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**. Trial of this action, along with all pretrial deadlines, will be reset for a date and time convenient to the parties and the court. However, any request by the defendant to reset the dispositive motions deadline is **DENIED**. (See Countermotion to Continue ¶ 7). Discovery in this action has been closed, and the dispositive motions deadline passed on December 20, 2010, more than fourteen months ago. Trial had been set for February 28, 2012, but was vacated due to defendant's apparent unwillingness to cooperate with former counsel and failure to appear at the telephonic hearing on counsel's motion to withdraw. Defendant did not file any motions for summary judgment by the dispositive motions deadline, and it may not, by virtue of its decision to obtain new counsel at this late stage, do so now.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: This 6th day of March, 2012.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE